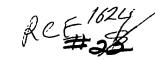
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REQUEST

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may

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wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examina Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 123 established RCE practice.	tion and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65			
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b. Other				
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